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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of installing a local area network by first determining a local area network to meet specific needs, including server hardware, a network operating system, a disaster recovery plan, an e-mail server, a fax server and modem sharing. Numbers of workstations to add to the local area network are chosen. Software to be pre-installed on each system is specified. User names indicating level of security users should have on the local area network are assigned. Cost for the system chosen and costs and fees for pre-configuring and fully testing the server are established. The server and workstations are pre-configured and fully tested. Workstations and peripherals connected to the server are tested. Workstations and peripherals are disconnected from the server and workstations and peripherals and server are packed. The packed workstations, peripherals and server are shipped in numbered bodes. A diagram of necessary steps in setting up the local area network is provided.

